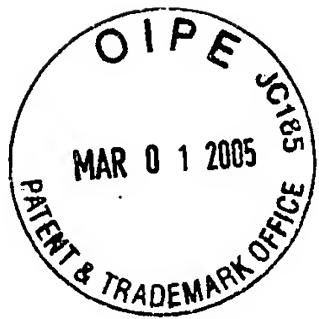





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In re Application of:	§	
Frederic M. Newman	§	Group Art Unit: 3661
Serial No.: 10/720,594	§	
Confirmation No.: 5037	§	Examiner: Nguyen
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Filed: November 24, 2003	§	Att'y Docket: 13526.0025.NPUS00
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For: CROWN OUT-FLOOR OUT DEVICE	§	
FOR A WELL SERVICE RIG	§	

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 15, 2004**

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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2004, for which the three-month date for response is March 15, 2005.

No fees are believed to be due at this time. Should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/13526.0025.NPUS00/STEINHEIDER. Applicant's representative authorizes the

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Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.